Preparations for Beijing Asian Games

1559. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress regarding preparations for the Asian Games to be held at Beijing; and

(b) what would be the size of the contingent to be sent to Beijing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMESNT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Our sports persons|teams in sports disciplines identified for the Beijing Asian Games are being given intensive training in scientifically scheduled coaching camps, with adequate nutritive diet, sports science inputs and foreign exposure back-up designed to improve their medal winning potential. Many of them have given a good account of themselves in some of the recently held international tournaments' championships.

(b) According to the present indications available, the size of the Indian Contingent (sportspersons, coaches, managers and concerned experts) for Beijing Asiad may be around 220.

Dispute over sending students to USSR

1560. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in Indian Express dated 15th July, 1990 regarding dispute over sending students to USSR;

(b) if so, whether Government have any knowledge or control over such agencies|institutions sending students abroad for higher studies;

(c) which are such other institutions functioning in Delhi for sending students to Moscow for higher studies; and

(d) what measures are proposed to be taken by overnment to ensure that students are not duped by such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the information available with this Department, the Indo-Soviet Medical Education, Care and Research Foundation had established a joint venture with International Relations Servicing Centre on behalf of USSR State Committee for Public Education for selecting Indian students for higher studies in various disciplines in USSR. The Foundation has recently approached Ministry of External Affairs for formal recognition. Government is keeping a watch on the activities of this Foundation to see that there is no violation of Indian laws by the Foundation.

(c) and (d) Government do not have information about any other such institution functioning in Delhi for sending students to Moscow for higher studies. In case where it comes to notice of Government that students are being cheated or misguided by any educational institution cautionary public notices are issued and appropriate panel action also taken under relevant laws.

Setting up of neighbourhood schools

1561. SHRI N. E. BALALRAM:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for setting up of neighbourhood schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Education Commission (1964-66) and the National Policy on Education (1986) have recommended that measures should